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I will begin by saying my husband and I love this back country. We bought our property over twenty years ago. We cleared it with our hands, a chain and a tractor. This sixteen acres took our savings, sweat, time and energy. But it has given us back so much more.

My husband's letter addresses the technical reasons for strongly opposing the Los Robles Solar Project, I want to tell you our personal reasons.

Our property is separated from the proposed sight by a fire trail. Our view would be gone, but so would much more.

Out here water is precious. We have lived our lives here conserving it. Seeing pictures of the planned project, reading about the maintenance, cleaning, etc, where will they get the water they need? When they've used up all the ground water they'll pay to have water brought in. What are we supposed to do? This area was designed for a small amount of property owners mainly because of the water issue. When it's gone, we can't afford to buy water.

Another concern is the dust. We have a lot of wind here on a daily basis. When all the ground cover is removed and the panels placed, all that dust will blow directly in our direction. The landscaping they propose to provide would do little to control the created dust, if the landscaping is ever done.

Our primary concern is our health. It is unbelievable that environmental studies have to be met, yet nothing is done to prove that this project, placed right off our front porch, is safe. Like so many other sad endings that usually accompany these untested, unproven projects, we won't know the repercussions until it's too late for us.

Another concern of ours is the animals. One of our greatest joys is watching the birds, squirrels, jackrabbits and cotton tails that frequent our property. Also, there is nothing better than sitting on the front porch, on a warm summer night, and listen to the coyotes calling to us from the very sight of this proposed project.

I don't know if any of these animals are on an endangered list or not. But I do know this. When you take away their food source, their nesting sights, their protection and their migratory paths, they soon will be endangered.

We're losing all of our precious unspoiled land. Where does it all end? What happens when we run out? Once it's gone you can never get it back.

We're too old to start over. Everything we have is here. We bought this land with good intentions- to protect it, improve it and live on it. We hope we can continue to live here without having to face the fears and concerns just mentioned, as well as the many more that are bound to surface.

Please remember our concerns as you make your decisions. I support the "NO

PROJECT" alternative as my first choice.

Thank you.

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